

# East County Intercom



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## Newsletter

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### UPCOMING EVENTS!

**East County Youth Forum**—In order to increase youth input on various community matters, the East County Citizen's Advisory Board and the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center are hosting a Youth Forum on **May 6, from 6:00-7:00 pm**, prior to their regular Board meeting. The evening will begin with a reception for student representatives from *Paint Branch, Springbrook and Blake High Schools*. The students will then form a panel and will respond to questions posed by Board members on the topics of quality of education, safety, gangs, out of school activities, and cultural awareness.

**All residents are invited to attend!**



**May 10, 2009**

**Free Legal Advice Clinics**—The Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program, in partnership with Eastern Montgomery Regional Services, provides free **Legal Advice Consultations** for low income residents the first and second Thursdays of each month. Upcoming clinics will be held on **May 7 and May 14, from 5:30 – 9:00 pm**. A client intake must be completed before 6:00 pm. For more information, call the Pro Bono Program Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (301)424-7651 or (301)424-7652 or (301)424-7633. For directions call 240-777-8400.

**Free Home Buyer Seminar**—If you are considering buying a home, this informative Home Buyer Seminar will answer your questions about down payment options, pre-approval and the mortgage process. The seminar is presented by TD Bank and will be held at the **Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center** on **Wednesday, May 13, from 7-9:00 pm**. The seminar will be repeated on **Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**. To register, please call 240-777-8400



 **Free Legal Advice on Foreclosure** —Are you at risk of foreclosure and looking for help? Are you worried about an increase in your interest rate? If so, you can get **FREE, one-on-one legal advice** about your individual problem and where to go for help. This **FORECLOSURE SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP** will be held on **May 21, 2009 from 6-9:00 pm**. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. You should bring all paperwork related to your current and former mortgages including loan application, settlement paperwork, and lender statements. Also bring foreclosure notices & monthly household budget. **Pre-registration guarantees a free legal consult**. To pre-register call 240-777-8417.

**Summer Youth Jobs Program**—Montgomery County's Summer Youth Jobs Program seeks **youth** and **worksites** throughout the county to participate in this year's program. The program provides eligible Montgomery County youth, **ages 14-24**, the opportunity for a structured, supervised, and quality work experience that builds skills and assists in career decision making. Youth are paid \$7.25/hour for a six week period through economic stimulus funds. Participating worksites must provide meaningful work experiences and a youth supervisor to provide instruction, evaluation, and feedback. Businesses or organizations interested in providing a worksite should contact Cassandra Boyd at 240-777-2039 before May 29th. Youth must submit an application by June 12 through the Maryland Multicultural Youth Center in Silver Spring. Call 301-495-0441. **The program starts June 29 and ends August 10.**




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### Topics of Interest

- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Center

#### The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC

A Cooperative Venture between the   
People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med.  
For questions, call TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

**Montgomery County Police  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Police - Silver Spring  
801 Sligo Avenue,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Tel #(301) 565-7740**



**May 25, 2009**



**AARP senior driving training** - Over 30 people participated in the senior driver training course, using the new 4 hour class format. Along with the shorter class time came a slight increase in cost from \$10 to \$14. For many of the participants, this is still a real bargain as it gives them a 10% reduction in their auto insurance rates and they learn some really good information. The next course date at the East County Center is **Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>**. For more information please call 240-777-8400.

## Learn what's happening around...

County Executive Isiah Leggett  
Office of Community Partnerships  
Asian Pacific American Advisory Group  
The City of Rockville  
Cordially Invite You to



**Monday, May 4**  
**4:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Executive Office  
Building Auditorium,  
101 Monroe St.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(Rockville Station, **Red Line**)



### Program Highlights

- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Community reception and cultural showcase
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Panel presentation by Asian American lawmakers in the Maryland General Assembly from Montgomery County:  
House Majority Leader Kumar Barve (D-17)  
Delegate Susan Lee (D-16)  
Delegate Saqib Ali (D-39)

Recommended Event Parking: Public parking garage in the Council Office Building on 110 Maryland Ave.

For event information contact  
Montgomery County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships at  
240-777-2584 or [partnerships@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:partnerships@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### Please share your comments!

If you attended the **2nd Fairland Community Kids Festival & Silent Auction**: please take a minute and provide your comments on the event! The Planning Committee would like to get any feedback you have, on the day's events so that they can make the 3rd Fairland Community Kids Festival & Silent Auction even better! Your comments will remain anonymous and will only be shared with those members on the Planning Committee, so please be as honest as you can. Please feel free to comment on any aspect of the event, from parking, to the activities offered, to the check-in and check-out process, and anything in-between! Please click here to submit your comments: <http://fairlandPTA.org/sac/addComment.php>

**Junior Olympic Skills Competition– Good Hope Neighborhood Center, 14715 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905**  
**240-777-8055**

**Local Competition - Saturday, May 9, 10:00am-1:00pm -**



**The Recreation Department and Good Hope Neighborhood Center** in conjunction with Marilyn Praisner Center, East County Community Center, Long Branch Community Center, and the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition invite all children between the ages of 8 and 13 to join the Olympic movement and participate in the official youth skills competition of the U.S. Olympic Team. The Jr. Olympic Skills Competition is a FREE national grassroots skills competition that provides both, boys and girls ages 8 to 13, the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in four sports: basketball, soccer, tennis, and track & field. Youngsters can participate in any or all of the individual sports and advance through three levels of competition, including Local, Regional and the National Finals. Each sport is scored individually and the boys and girls compete separately.

**Basketball:** Make baskets from designated shooting areas and the free throw line in 45 seconds.

**Soccer:** Participants' ability to dribble, shoot and score in the fastest time possible.

**Tennis:** Participants hit a low-compression tennis ball against the wall as many times as possible in 30 seconds.

**Track and Field:** Two fundamental skill events: The Sprint (50-meter dash) and The Jump (standing broad jump).

**Good Hope Neighborhood Center is hosting the Regional competition on Saturday, June 13 2009.**

### New Service Hours at the HOC Customer Service Centers

- If you need to visit Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) headquarters in Kensington, please note that walk-in hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; phone: 240-773-9000.

**Beginning June 1, 2009:** Walk-in hours for HOC's Gaithersburg Customer Service Center (101 Lakeforest Blvd., Gaithersburg) are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm; phone: 240-773-9009.

**Beginning June 1, 2009:** Walk-in hours for HOC's Silver Spring Customer Service Center (8241 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring) are: Mondays - Fridays, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm; phone: 240-773-9009.



**Mailing Services Prices Effective Monday, May 11, 2009—On May 11 the price for a 1-ounce First-Class Mail stamp will increase from 42¢ to 44¢.** Prices for other mailing services — Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including Parcel Post), and Extra Services — will also change. The average increase by class of mail is at or below the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

For more information, go to <http://www.usps.com/prices/pricechanges.htm?from=prices&page=NewMay09Prices>





Come one, come all ... and bring friends!

## Community Spring Fling

Saturday, May 9

11 am - 2 pm



Spring  
Fling!

Live Music  
Carnival Games

Mini-Trolley & Pony Rides  
Martial Arts & Music Demos  
Handmade Craft & Bake Sale

Plant & Herb Sale

Featuring Garden Varieties & Mother's Day Gifts  
Pulled-Pork BBQ Lunch & more!

Face Painting, Balloons  
& Family Fun featuring  
"STREAMER DA CLOWN"



FREE Vision & Blood Pressure Screening, too!

The Lutheran Church of ST. ANDREW

15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring - Cloverly  
(corner of New Hampshire & Norwood Road)

301-384-4394 • [www.mystandrew.org](http://www.mystandrew.org)



**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival in Colesville:** Strawberries, ice cream, craft and plant sales, children's games, entertainment and auctions are all part of this year's Strawberry Festival. The day long event is being held on **Saturday, May 30, 2009**, at the **Old Colesville School on the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Hobbs Drive (one mile north of Randolph Road)**. *Proceeds from the Festival benefit the C-4 Clothing Room.*

## Police Launch New On-line Programs

The Montgomery County department of Police is launching 3 new on line programs to assist our community with obtaining police information or provide it, on a 24/7 basis.

**VARPS (Vehicle Accident Report Purchasing System)** allows the public to go on line to request and pay for a copy of **nonfatal accident reports**, by accident report number (CR#), typically published on-line within 5 to 7 business days after an accident has occurred. If they do not have the CR# they can call 240-773-5330 and that information will be provided to them. Access at <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/accidentreports>.

**On-line Reporting** tool will soon allow citizens to **file a police report online** through the police web-site, [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police).

Citizens will not have to wait for an officer to respond and their police report will automatically be sent as an e-mail. Reportable incidents include vandalisms, identity theft, larcenies, and lost property as well as make tips. **Scheduled to go operational in June 2009.**

**Text a Tip** has two new techniques to provide crime fighting tips to police through the power of **e-mail** and **text** messaging. The system assigns an encrypted alias which fully protects the identities of those providing the valuable information and ensuring secure and anonymous communications. Go to "Crime Tips" at

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police).

Crime Solvers of Montgomery County still offers an anonymous phone number 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)



ARE YOU PREGNANT AND SCARED?

**SAFE HAVEN**

may be the answer  
for you!

**WITHIN 10 DAYS OF YOUR BABY'S BIRTH**

- You may take your baby to a hospital, clinic or police station and give your baby to a responsible adult.
- All you have to do is say, "This is a Safe Haven Baby," and walk away.
- Your baby will be raised in a caring, loving family.

YOU WILL NOT BE IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW!

Questions? Call 240-777-4417

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services  
Child Welfare Services



**Ride On's Give & Ride** - Ride On bus passengers can help needy families and receive free bus rides by donating canned or nonperishable food during Ride On's 22nd annual food drive. **Riders who donate will ride free during Give and Ride from Sunday, May 10 through Saturday May 16, 2009.**

If a rider is transferring to other Ride On buses, additional donations are needed in order to ride free. For more information go to:

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/tsvtmpl.asp?url=/content/DOT/transit/current\\_events.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/tsvtmpl.asp?url=/content/DOT/transit/current_events.asp)

**Swine Flu Information** - Currently, there are no reported cases of swine influenza (flu) in Montgomery County or in the state of Maryland. County health officials are monitoring the situation and working closely with hospitals and community physicians and will provide updates as needed. For more information go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of Toaster Oven/Broilers Recalled by Haier America due to Burn or Electrical Shock Hazard. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. For more information, go to <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09199.html>

The sweetest sounds to mortals given  
Are heard in Mother, Home, and Heaven.  
~William Goldsmith Brown

**other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

**White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555**

English Conversation Club meets every Wednesday at 7pm: a comfortable setting to practice speaking with other new English learners. FREE, no registration required.

White Oak Library book discussion groups- ask at the checkout desk for a copy of this month's books:

May 12 at 7:00pm: African-American Book Discussion on The House at Sugar Beach by Helene Cooper

May 13 at 7:30pm: Wednesday Morning Book Discussion on Five Skies by Ron Carlson

May 19 at 7:00pm: Mystery Book Discussion on The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John le Carre

May 26 at 10:30am: Tuesday Morning Book Discussion on The Sound of Waves by Yukio Mishima

To review the White Oak Library's upcoming events and other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>

**KIDS PROGRAM (no registration required)**

**Thursdays-10:15 a.m. May 7, 14, 21, 28**

Come and join us for stories, songs and finger-plays.

**Tuesday 10:15 a.m. May 12: Cuddlesups.**

Simple stories, songs and rhymes for ages 6-23 months



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

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To subscribe to our East County Newsletter, Programs & Events, go to :

<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

Residents are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the

Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:15pm**

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

**Meetings are open to the Public!**

**Asian American Business Conference** - Attend the premier event for Maryland's Asian American business community. You will hear from excellent speakers and panelists, learn about business opportunities, interact with Asian American businesses at the trade show, and have superb networking opportunities with business owners, government officials, consultants, and academics. The conference is on **Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**. For more information go to: <http://www.aabc2009.com/>

**Maytag Recalls Refrigerators Due to Fire Hazard** -The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. For more information go to:

<http://mcfrs.blogspot.com/2009/04/maytag-recalls-refrigerators-due-to.html>

**Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center**

3300 Briggs Chaney Road

Silver Spring, MD 20904

Phone: 240-777-8400 / Fax: 240-777-8410

e-mail: [eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov)

web : <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco>



**FREE Compost Bins**

available at EMRSC

Call 240-777-8400

M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm